



PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)  
Serial No.

: Yasushi TAKAHASHI et al.

: 09/078,853

For: **INFORMATION RETRIEVAL METHOD AND APPARATUS**  
Filed: May 14, 1998  
Examiner: R. Brown  
Group Art Unit: 2611

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	14	Minus	20 =	0 ×	\$18(9)	= \$0
Independent claims	2	Minus	3 =	0 ×	\$84(42)	= 0
			Total additional fee for This amendment			\$0

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\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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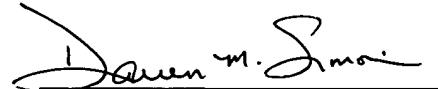
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